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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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SIR SAMPSON DARELL, KNIGHT. Will 21 May 1635; proved 1 July 1635. To each of my children £1000 each except my eldest son. Sir John Parsons to have the ordering of my part in the Cole farm for my wife. Executors-my wife and Sir John Parsons. Witnesses: Buchan Robert Lesley, Barth: Cressener. Proved first by Elizabeth Darrell, relict. and 14 June 1642 by Marmaduke Darrell son of deceased on death of Elizabeth. *Sadler*, 84.

[Sir Sampson Darrell probably had descendants in Virginia as the name Sampson was frequently borne by members of a Darrell family here. See this Magazine XVII, 115.]

ROBERT FILMER of East Sutton, county Kent, gentleman. Will 11 April 1629; proved 4 May 1629. Body to upper Chancel of Church of East Sutton. To the poor 40s. To the lady Filmer my sister £10. To my brother Henry Filmer my gold ring and three suites of apparel two of cloth and one of pink sattin. Two hats and two pairs of silk stockings. To my neece, Mrs. Mary Knatchbull, to Sir Robert Filmer, Mr. Edward Filmer, Mr. John Filmer, Reynold Filmer and Henry Filmer gent, my nephews 40s. apeece. To my neeces Mrs. Elizabeth Faulkner, Mrs. Katherine Barram and Mrs. Sarah Filmer 40s. each for rings. To Edward Filmer my brother Anthonie's son £20 at 22 years. To his brother Henry £10 at 23. To his sister Mrs. Francis Filmer my neece £10. To my daughter in law Penelope Bellinger her mother's wedding ring. To Mrs. Elizab. Faulkner my neece a black taffeta gown. To my Lady Filmer my sister a pair of gloves wrought with pearls. Residue to my brother Sir Edward Filmer Knight, sole executor. Witnesses: Laurence Foxe, Thos. Gateley. *Ridley*, 49.

SIR EDWARD FILMER of East Sutton, county Kent, Knight (aged 63, 17th January last.) Will 20 October Vth Chas. I; proved 5 December 1629. To my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Faulkner Citizen and Draper of London, if she survive her husband £500. If said husband survive said Elizabeth then to her children £300 equally divided. If she die without issue then to her husband £20. Executors to find meat drink and apparel to said Elizabeth to the value of £40 yearly. To my three sons Edward, John and Henry Filmer £10 each. And because my son Reynald's estate consists in trading beyond the seas I forgive him all debts (£550). To said Reynold £50. To my son Henry if he commence M. A. in University of Cambridge £40 and furthur £100. To my daughters Mary Knatchbull and Catherine Barham £20 each. To Edward Knatchbull my godson £5. To his sister Mary £20. To his brother John £2. To Edward Barham my godson. To Elizabeth Barham my wive's goddaughter £5. To other grandchildren, Robert, Thomas, Charles, and Richard Barham 40s. each. To Dame Ann wife of my son Sir Robert Filmer ℔20 for a ring. To my daughter Sara £1000 further £500 annuity of £10 to my brother Henry. To Dorothy daughter of my brother Anthony Filmer £10. To Dame Elizabeth my wife £120 and all her chains and jewels and all my household stuff in Colledghouse in Maidstone, a third part of linen and silver. My lease of Rectory of East Sutton towards payment of my debts. The other two parts of linen, silver, etc., to my son Sir Robert Filmer. My wife shall have the leases of certain houses in Knightrider Street lately given me by my brother Robert Filmer, esq., Dame Elizabeth and Sir Robert my son executors. Witnesses: Wm Davy, Wm Gregory, Richd Clowgh. For disposing my land in county Kent and elsewhere. Lands called Nicholls in Chartham, my lands in Otterden and lands in Romney Marsh shall stand according to Indentures made. To my son John £15 yearly out of houses in Darrant. To said son John also my houses and lands in Yalding and to his heirs. For default to my eldest son Sir Robert and heirs. For default to Edward Filmer my second

son and heirs. For default to Reynold my fourth son and heirs. For default to Henry my fifth son and heirs. To my son Edward after my wife's decease all houses and lands in Darrant. For default to Sir Robert my eldest son. For default to John my third son. For default to Reynold. For default to Henry. To Henry my 5th son and heirs after my wife's decease tenement and land in Warren Street parish of Lenham and one in parish of Charing. For default to Sir Robert. For default to Edward. For default to John. For default to Reynold. To my wife Dame Elizabeth for life all my houses and lands in Darrant, Lenham, Charing and Sutton Valence, one tenement in parish of Borden. After her decease the lands in Sutton Valence shall be sold by Sir Robert if need be. If not needed lands to Sir Robert and heirs. Witnesses: Wm. Gregory, Wm. Davy, Richd Clough. *Ridley*, 110.

[Robert Filmer, whose will was proved in 1629, was a brother of Sir Edward Filmer, whose will (also proved in 1629) follows. Sir Edward was the father of Henry Filmer, who emigrated to Virginia. See this Magazine, XV, 181, 182; XXI, 153, 154. Edward Filmer, grocer, was no doubt a descendant of some younger son of the family. These wills add considerably to the pedigree in Berry.]

EDWARD FILLMER of Cittingborne, county Kent, grocer Will 3 March 1646 (-7); proved 1st July 1653. I give unto the poor of the parish 40s., to be distributed among them at the discretion of the churchwardens. To my cousin Thomas Fillmer, son of my brother Robert Fillmer, in recompense of the title which the said Thomas hath, or henceafter may claim, in certain land in Ottenden, county Kent, now in my occupation, £60 at his age of 21, provided he then release all such right or title to my daughter Elizabeth Fillmer. To my cousin Jane Fillmer, daughter to my said brother Robert £5 at 21. To my cousins John and Anne Fillmer, son and daughter of my brother William Fillmer, £20 apiece at 21. To my brothers Henry and William Fillmer, 20s. apiece to buy them rings. To my apprentice Thomas Leshington, all the wares in my shop and warehouse, and all debts due unto me by my books, on condition he discharge all such debts as I shall owe at the time of my decease in the city of London.

To my friend William Allen of Cittingborne, gent., £5. I will that the said Thomas Lessington shall during the term of his life enjoy my shop, with the workhouse and warehouse, and one half part of my dwelling house with the half of the backside thereunto belonging, with the garden called the White Heart garden, which is in my occupation, and also the house and garden that Roger Pannell now dwelleth in in Cittingborne aforesaid, on condition he pay to my daughter for rent of the premises £20 a year. My wife Eleanor shall, during her life, hold the other part of my said dwelling-house rent free; and if she be not minded to continue her dwelling there, the said Thomas Leshington shall have the whole of the said house, paying yearly to my wife for her half part £4. I give to my wife all the bed, bedding and furniture belonging to it, which is in my best chamber; also (in lieu of her dower in all my freehold lands,) an annuity, of £20. I bequeath all my freehold lands and tenements where soever to my daughter Elizabeth Fillmer and her heirs; for default of issue to her, I give the house and land where Roger Pannell dwelleth to the said Thomas Leshington, and my said cousins Thomas and John Fillmer in bail successively, and for the rest, in case of my said daughter dying without issue, I give them to the said Thomas and John. All the residue of my goods I give to my daughter; and I make the said William Allen and Thomas Leshington my executors, earnestly entreating them to be careful of my daughter. (signed) Edward Fillmer. Witnesses: John Wheately, scr., Willm Goddard. My will is that my executors shall deliver my estate to my daughter at her age of 21. 7 February 1651 (-2) I, the said Edward Fillmer, of Sittingborne, mercer, will that my former will and testament shall stand in full force, except that whereas I appointed Mr. William Allen one of my executors, my mind now is that the said William Allen shall not any ways intermeddle therein, but that the other executor by me named shall by my sole executor; and I give to the said William Allen 10s. To my brother William Fillmer, an annuity of £5. My mind is that my faithful servant Thomas Lushington shall have my cherry garden commonly called Butts garden in Sittingborne, until

my daughter Elizabeth accomplish her age of 19 years, and for a term of 20 years after, if he will, at a rent of £20, payable half to my wife Ellen, half to my daughter. And my wife, and daughter shall yearly have delivered to them 3 bushels of cherries of the choicest of the fruit, and shall have free liberty with their friends to walk in the said ground, and take and eat of the fruit upon the trees there growing at their will and pleasures. I devise to my daughter my messuage or inn called The Adam and Eve in Sittingborne, immediately after she accomplishes her age of 19. (signed) Edward Fillmer. Witnesses: John Hurlstone his mark; Willm. Bowell. Proved by Thomas Lesington the executor named. *Brent*, 216.